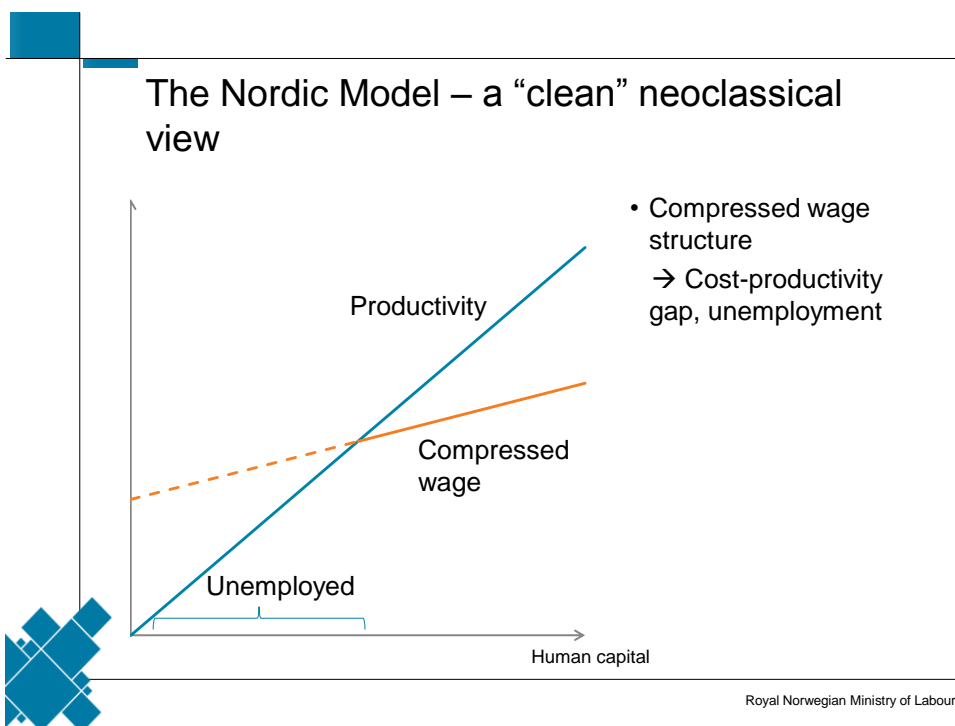


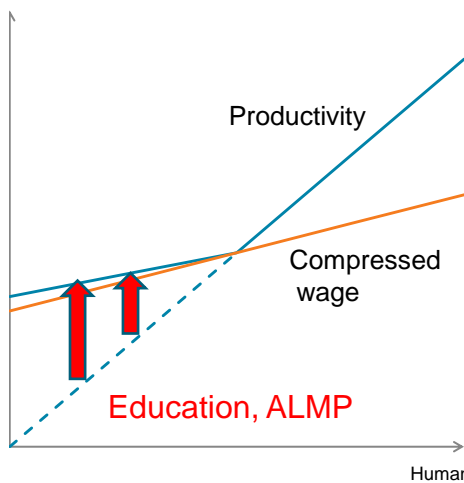


The Norwegian approach to youth employment

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 OECD High-Level Forum on Jobs for Youth,
 Oslo, September 21, 2010



The Nordic Model – Focus on productivity



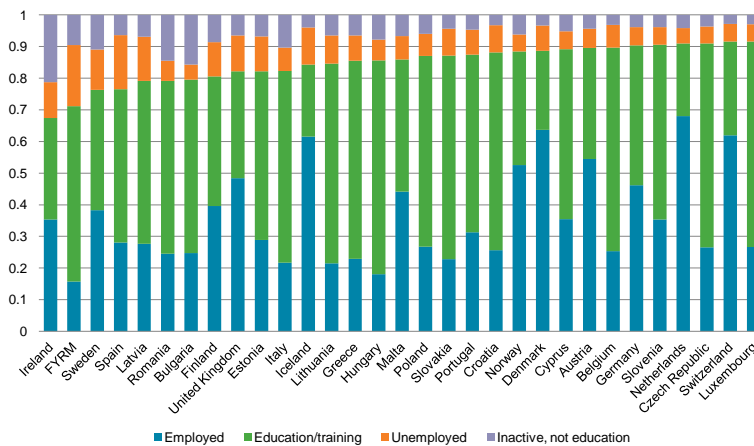
- Raising the productivity of the least productive to meet the “high” wage level
- Long-term dynamic perspective
- But not always equal wage for youth: Age graduation, apprenticeships

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Youth – towards the whole picture

Population aged 15-24 by activity, 2009

Source: Labour Force Surveys, Eurostat



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Some Norwegian approaches and ideas

- Generally a pro-active policy stance
- And policy makers must talk about it!
- Decent work also for youth!
- Local Follow-up services for drop-outs under 22
- A guarantee for youth aged under 20 that ensures active labour market programs for those who do not work or study.
- A guarantee of active assistance for unemployed aged 20-24 who have been unemployed for three months.
- Qualification program used by youth who are not entitled to unemployment benefits. Full-time activity requirement

